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In re application of:
Steven J. Maas

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Title: WAVELENGTH DROP WITH
INTEGRAL OPTICAL AMPLIFIER

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

PGS Americas, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having its principle place of business at 16010 Barker's Point Lane, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77079, certifies that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of:

An Assignment executed by the inventor, Steven J. Maas, on September 6, 2001.

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The undersigned has reviewed the documents in the chain of title of the Application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee identified above. .

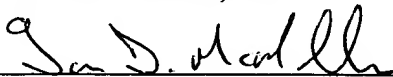
The undersigned, Ian McMillan, Senior Vice President, is empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 28, 2002

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